

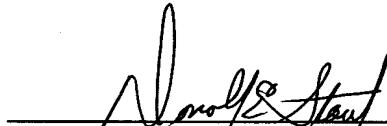
REMARKS

Claims 13-20, which are the only claims which have been finally rejected, have been cancelled. Therefore, early allowance of the application with claims 1, 3-7, 9-12, 21 and 22 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0172.38632X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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